
Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by rev.dennis - 2009/01/06 21:24

I saw some mention in the ARI Quiz forum but seeing how they are not in the ARI Quiz component yet I figured I would mention it here as a feature request.

Having the ability to import and export questions would be great via .csv format

Column A: Question Bank Category

Column B: Question

Column C: Question Type (Multiple Choice, True/Fales, Yes/No)

Column D: Randomize Answers (Yes/No)

Column E: Correct Answer=

Column F: Choice A

Column G: Choice B

Column H: Choice C

Column I: Choice D

Column J: Choice E (etc...)

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Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by admin - 2009/01/07 09:13

We are working on import/export feature. It will work with XML files.

Regards,
ARI Soft

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Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by rev.dennis - 2009/01/28 13:41

Will it be user friendly... truthfully I am not sure how to create an XML file unless that is an excel "export/save as" format.

Really looking forward to this feature

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Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by admin - 2009/01/28 22:24

Perhaps we will support the two formats.

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Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by phena109 - 2009/05/04 14:27

i know you have just released the new version not long ago. I am in depreate need of the feature beacuse i am thinking of multi-thousands questions to input. with the existing interface, it will be a problem obviously

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Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by Fujin - 2009/12/07 21:23

hi, friends,
is the ability to import/export questions in/out question bank via csv os some thing similar, still in progress?

When it suppose to become true? With this ability your script will really ROCK!

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Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by admin - 2009/12/07 21:37

Hello,

It's one of the most important ability in our features list. We suppose it will be implemented within 1.5 months.

Regards,
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Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by Fujin - 2009/12/07 22:07

oh, great... 1.5 month ... that's exact time I'm going to start my project.. This ability will be like haven bless for me.
Thanks guys! You're great!

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Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by Fujin - 2010/01/06 13:04

Hi, ARI-guys!

Is it possible for now to know the approximate structure of future CSV document for importing questions? I mean fields.

For example,

ID - Question - Question Type - Question category - answer 1 - answer 2 - ... - Correct answer - ... etc.

Thanks!

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Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by admin - 2010/01/07 07:32

Hello,

Sorry, but now we can't provide this information. We'll provide structure of CSV file at the next week.

Regards,
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Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by Fujin - 2010/01/08 13:49

That's very good. Thank you!
Please, let me know when it will be possible.

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Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by niki - 2010/01/19 22:58

Just chiminig in on our interest on the status of this feature.

Thanks. We'd love to know when this was available.

Jesse (using ARI Quiz on an it security website triaing page)

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Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by admin - 2010/01/20 07:45

This will be done by the end of next week.

Regards,
ARI Soft

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Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by admin - 2010/01/28 17:12

Hello,

We are glad to announce that ARI Quiz v. 2.9.0 is available and it supports import question from CSV file. More details you can find in 'F.A.Q.' section on the component backend.

Regards,
ARI Soft

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Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by Fujin - 2010/01/28 18:20

Hurray! Hurray! Hurray!
Congratulations, guys!
Now your product is really powerful. You may even increase its price now. :)
Can you tell us in some words how to use it? There is not much info in backend FAQ.

Thanks!

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Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by admin - 2010/01/28 20:59

Hello,

Thanks for a good words :) It seems that you use your own language on the component backend so you don't see new section on 'F.A.Q.' page. It's easy to import questions from CSV file. Create CSV file with questions. File has format as we described in mail which we have sent you before, you can also find sample CSV file by the following url /administrator/components/com_ariquiz/questions_import.csv . If you want to use non-english characters then save CSV file with UTF-8 encoding without BOM. After this open questions bank page or quiz question list page and click 'CSV Import' button, then choose your CSV file and click 'Import' button. That's all :)

Regards,
ARI Soft

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Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by Fujin - 2010/01/28 22:35

Thanks,
two more questions:

1. Does new questions, uploaded via CSV, replaced old ones in question bank or only uppend it?
2. Are you going to implement export to csv from question bank?

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CSV import works good... except for 1 thing

Posted by niki - 2010/01/28 22:38

Guys, first of all thanks for all the WORK you put into making this possible. We hope to use ARI quiz on a regular basis.

I used your sample .csv file and put some questions into it. The import went perfectly except for 1 thing.

I used the single correct answer format. In the csv column for answers I put 4 answer choices (in the U.S. it is traditional to have 4 answer choices on a single answer multiple choice question).

When I imported the CSV file, all the questions came over right, but it did not import the 4th answer for any of my questions.

I tried a sample import with four questions, all of theme were multiple choice (single correct answer).... and when they imported, only three answer choices showed up.

Note: I did make sure to have a blank row between each question.

Any guesses as to why this is happening?

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Re:CSV import works good... except for 1 thing

Posted by admin - 2010/01/29 07:18

Hello,

to Fujin:

1. When you import questions from CSV, the system creates new questions.
2. Yes, we'll implement export questions to CSV soon.

to jgentile :

Could you send your CSV file by email and say what version of PHP is installed on your server? It helps us investigate this issue and resolve it ASAP. And one note, you can skip empty row between questions, we added this for more readability of the file. The component accepts CSV files with or without empty row(s) between questions.

Regards,
ARI Soft

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Re:CSV import works good... except for 1 thing

Posted by admin - 2010/01/29 13:33

Hello,

to jgentile: Check your mail, please. In brief, the first answer is in incorrect row in your CSV file.

Regards,
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Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by Fujin - 2010/01/29 16:35

I have a problem with creating correct csv.
Would you be so kind to provide me a sample csv with some single questions filled?

Sample questions:

What is the capital of Germany?

1. Berlin (correct)
2. London
3. Moscow
4. Barcelona

Who is the current president of USA?

1. Lincoln
2. Obama (correct)
3. Washington
4. Bush

Thanks in advice!

Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by admin - 2010/01/29 17:06

Hello,

Find zipped CSV file in attach.

Regards,
ARI Soft http://www.ari-soft.com/images/fbfiles/files/questions_import-e97de3b8985a12e6db5ce0e5d2fb624f.zip

Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by Fujin - 2010/01/29 17:16

Thank you very much!

One more question.
What to do if question contain commas (",")?

Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by admin - 2010/01/29 17:19

Wrap question text with double quote. For example:

"Test, question"

Regards,
ARI Soft

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Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by Fujin - 2010/01/29 17:45

admin wrote:
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Unfortunately, this doesn't work.

And one more bug. I can't use non-english characters in categories names (I use russian names and it doesn't work, with english names, e.g. "Some Category" it's OK).

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Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by admin - 2010/01/30 00:09

Send your CSV file by mail please. Regarding issue with non-english characters, do you save CSV file with UTF-8 encoding without BOM?

Regards,
ARI Soft

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Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by Fujin - 2010/01/30 10:45

Thank you very-very much!

The problem was in encoding.
When I changed the encoding to UTF-8 without BOM both problems (Russian characters and commas in the question) were resolved.

Thanks and regards,
Michael

P.S. I'm working with about a dozen of different companies (ISP, hostings, developers etc.), and your support is one of the best. It's true. Thank you guys!

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Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by epangsoft - 2010/02/16 16:36

Hi,

How to format csv if questions contain bold text, italic text and underline text

Thanks

Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by admin - 2010/02/16 16:40

Hello,

Use HTML tags for this purpose. For example:

Bold Italic Underline

Regards,
ARI Soft

Re:Import and Export Questions via .csv

Posted by martinprachar - 2010/07/29 13:36

May I just join in saying that I, too, would appreciate having the option to export questions to .csv. If I want the teachers to write their own quizzes, and the .csv file is unknown to them, exporting questions from a quiz they can see would help them understand how to do it.

Exporting questions to xml

Posted by niki - 2010/09/27 20:11

Today I tried to export several questions to an .xml file format. I noticed that all the data between the tags looked like it was encoded. Is there a reason that so much of the data in the xml is encoded like this? How are we to use the exported file in any other application other than ari-quiz?

For example, if we want to export our questions and then send them to a publisher to print into a book format for our customers... how should we get this data out of encoded format?

If we could export to .csv this would be very easy :)

Thanks

Re:Exporting questions to xml

Posted by admin - 2010/09/28 06:49

Hello,

Currently XML format is used for import and export data from one component instance to another. For example from testing server to production server. We'll add possibility to export data to CSV format in a future release.

Regards,
ARI Soft
